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Chair,

Micronesia reaffirms its unwavering commitment to gender equality and to the shared objectives of the 70th session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW70).

In 2025, Micronesia launched its revised Gender Equality Policy at its 10th FSM Women's Conference. The Policy provides a comprehensive framework to mainstream gender across all sectors, reflecting our determination to advance equality in law and practice. Its six strategic goals align with global and regional commitments, focusing on eliminating violence against women and girls, promoting economic empowerment, strengthening participation in decision-making, and ensuring legal protection under our law.

The Conference recommendations reinforced these priorities across areas such as culture, economic development, leadership, health, Gender Based Violence (GBV), and climate change. Implementation is led by our national Department of Health and Social Affairs, with our states of Kosrae and Pohnpei, adopting specific policies and measures that protect women and girls from domestic violence.

Micronesia continues to pursue reforms, fulfill our CEDAW reporting requirements, and strengthen monitoring mechanisms to uphold our obligations, while seeking international cooperation to advance policy development and implementation. We value international partnership and technical cooperation to further advance these efforts in line with SDGs 5 and 16. and the mandates of this Commission

Regionally, Micronesia actively participates in the Micronesia Gender Equality Framework, launched in 2025 under the Micronesia Islands Forum, which enhances coordination, resource mobilization, and action to end gender-based violence, promote women's leadership, and support economic empowerment.

Our Constitution enshrines equal protection and fundamental rights for all. Our Strategic Development Plan reinforces these principles, with a strong focus on eliminating gender-based violence and supporting survivors.

Micronesia remains steadfast in championing the rights of women and girls, and will work towards eliminating all forms of violence against the most vulnerable members of our society.

I thank you.